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**The Second Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2026**

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# Holy Eucharist Rite II The Second Sunday in Lent



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

10:00AM Sunday, March 1, 2026

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Jim Hoover

**Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten** – settings by J.S. Bach

**WELCOME**

*The People stand at the sound of the bell, as able.  
The Ministers enter from the Sacristy in silence.*

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant*     Say “Thank you” to God, who forgives all our sins.  
*People*         **God always forgives us, for ever and ever.**

**OPENING SONG**

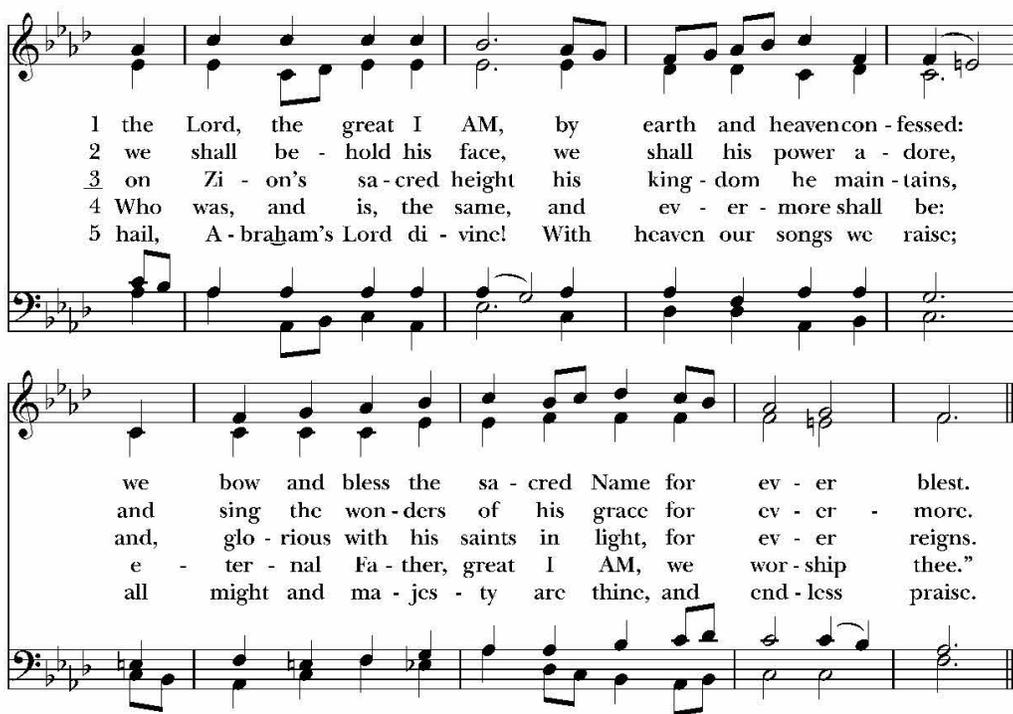
Hymn 401

### The God of Abraham praise

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - cou - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty arc thine, and end - less praise.

*The Altar Party and People kneel, as able.*

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*The Celebrant leads the People. (The People's responses are in bold print.)*

Listen to the commandments of God to the people of God:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of slavery in Egypt:

Don't put anything in your life ahead of God, and serve only God.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

Don't act like money or possessions or being powerful are what you really worship.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

Don't use God's name as a threat or a swear word when you're angry.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

Remember to set a special day aside each week – a Sabbath day – for God.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

Honor and respect your parents.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

You are not to kill anyone.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

You are not to cheat on your marriage partner.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

You are not to steal.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

You are not to tell lies.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

You are not to be jealous of other people's things, and wish you had them instead.

*People*        **Amen. Lord, forgive us and be patient with us.**

*The Celebrant says*

If we say that we don't have any sin, we are lying to ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and always does the right thing, will  
forgive our sins and clean out of us all that keeps us from walking in God's Way.

*1 John 1:8, 9*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins to the God who knows us through and through.

*Minister and People*

**Holy God, we have disobeyed your commandments, we have resisted your call, we have failed to live by your generous love. We are sorry for all our sins, and ask you to forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Deacon or Celebrant*

God who has called us is faithful, and will not remember our sins. Your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Live by the Spirit's transforming power, and forgive as you have been forgiven.

*People*           **Amen.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Celebrant*       God is with you!

*People*           **And with you, too!**

*Celebrant*       Let's pray.

Good and loving God, you actually delight in showing us mercy. Be gentle and forgiving toward us when we mess up and fail to live in the Way that Jesus shows us. Help us to recognize when we fail to live as we should, wrap us in your love, and give us the strength to hold onto you no matter what. Give us all we need to love and serve you in the week ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People*           **Amen.**

## **LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD TO US<sup>1</sup>**

*The People are seated*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God was talking to Abram and said, "Leave everything you know behind—your country, your cousins, the home you grew up in, and go to the place I will show you. You are going to be something special. . . . I will bless you so that you can bless others. I will be

on your side—those who are good to you, I will be good to them. But those who cause you trouble will find themselves in more trouble than they can imagine.” So Abram packed up his things and left, just as God told him to do.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

Psalm 121

*Leader*  
When I am down, I look up.  
I look up to the mountains for help.

*People*  
**My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

God’s got my back.  
And God never sleeps, but is always watching over me. God is always watching over Israel too.

*People*  
**My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

God’s watching over us.  
God is our shade, so we’re not blinded by the sun or even the brightness of the moon.  
God will keep me safe every time I come in the door and every time I go out,  
today and always.

*People*  
**My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

*The People stand, as able*

## HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Hymn 440

## Blessed Jesus, at thy word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee solc - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

**GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the Jewish leaders named Nicodemus came to Jesus after dark. Nicodemus said, “Jesus, we know you are a teacher from God, because of the amazing things we’ve seen you do—no one could do those things unless they’d been in God’s presence.”

Jesus said, “I’m telling you that being in God’s presence isn’t even possible without being born from above.”

Nicodemus asked Jesus, “How is somebody going to do that? What, am I supposed to crawl back into my mother and be born again?”

Jesus replied, “No, I’m talking about being born with water and the Spirit. What do you think about that? The wind is free, and goes wherever it wants to go. Just like the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “I still don’t get it.”

“How can you be a leader of your people and still not get it?” Jesus said, “These are heavenly things I’m talking about. Here’s the most important thing you need to know—God loved everything and everyone in the world so much that he gave up his Son for them, and everyone who believes in God’s Son will live with God in their hearts forever. God didn’t send his Son to make us all look ridiculous. God didn’t send his Son to tell us we were going to hell, but to save us from ourselves for God.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People are seated*

**SERMON**

Rev. Tara Osborne

## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

*The People stand, as able*

### **A STATEMENT OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>**

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to love each other. This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace. This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps working with us until everything is good and true. This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We can be the church, which reminds people of God because we love each other. This we believe.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Prayer Leader*

Now it's time to offer our prayers to God. Please feel free to pray your prayers out loud, so we can all join in praying with you.

We pray for the church and for all Christians everywhere. What are your prayers for the church?

*The People offer their prayers*

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our Bishop.

We pray for the United States of America and for our leaders. What are your prayers for our country?

*The People offer their prayers*

We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Will, Luke, Jacob, Joshua, Logan, Austin, and Gavin.

We pray for our world – for the earth, and for all people in it. What are your prayers for the world?

*The People offer their prayers*

We pray for Donald our President, J.B. our Governor, and Bob our Mayor.

We pray for our village of Downers Grove, and for all the villages we live in. What are your prayers for the place where you live?

*The People offer their prayers*

We are thankful for our lives, our families and our friends. What are you thankful to God for today?

*The People offer their prayers*

For Susan Spathelf, Angeli Tompkins, Andrew Cook, Jeff Heller, Charlie Kuhlman, Josh Pickett, Michelle Robbins, and Alma Eaton, who are celebrating their birthdays.

For Chuck & Linda Battaglia, who are celebrating their wedding anniversary,

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are suffering in any way especially, Betty, Alice, Mia, Justin, Sarah, Denise, Dan, Julie, Eleanor, Debbie, Lynn, Jim, Danny, Donna, Bob, Jim, Mark, Abigail, Kristi, Gael, Lance, John, Sue, Craig, and Rolle. Who do you want to pray for today?

*(We continue to pray for those with ongoing concerns: Cathy, Ron, Butch, Jim, Kent, Jackie, Christina, Amalija, Betsy, Cal, Jodie, Kathleen, Jeffrey, Erika, Colton, Steve, Shane, Deb, Dianne, Nolan, Wally, Susan, Grace, Tony, Karlene, Kathryn, Claudia, Ted, and Marge.)*

*The People offer their prayers*

We pray for those who have died – those we love and no longer get to see. What loved one who has died do you want to remember today?

*The People offer their prayers*

*Celebrant*

We thank you, God, for loving us so much, and for giving us Jesus to follow in your Way of Love. We leave our prayers with you, because you know best what to do.

*People*        **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*     God's peace is with you, here and now!

*People*        **And with you, too!**

*The People greet one another in the name of Christ and are then seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**

#### **OFFERTORY**

St. Andrew's Youth Choir

**Help Me to Be Like You Lord** - words and music by Jeff Reeves

*Help me to be like you Lord,  
In every way, all through the day.  
Help me to be like You, Lord,  
I want to follow You.*

*Help me to care like You.  
Help me to share like You.  
Help me be kind, all of the time  
Help me to love and forgive.*

*Help me to be like You, Lord.  
I want to follow You.*

*Help us to be like You, Lord.  
In every way, all through the day.  
Help us to be like You, Lord.  
We want to follow You.*

*Help us to live like You.  
Help us to give like You.  
Help us be kind, all of the time,  
Help us to love and forgive.*

*Help us to be like You, Lord.  
We want to follow You.  
Help us to be like You.*

*Celebrant*     All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People*        **and of thine own have we given thee.**

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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER<sup>3</sup>**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

God our Maker, you have brought us here together so that we can give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done.

We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness you have given us. We praise you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds. We praise you for the earth, and all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We know that you are good. You love us and do great things for us.**

*Celebrant*

Loving God, you are always thinking about your people; you never forget us. You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to save us. He cured sick people; he cared for those who were poor and wept with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved everyone and showed us how to be kind. He took children in his arms and blessed them.

*Celebrant*

In heaven the blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints always sing your praise. Now we join with them and with the angels to adore you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died, Jesus was having supper with his friends. He took bread from the table. He gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it:  
This is my body which is given up for you.  
Do this in memory of me.

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said:

Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.

*Celebrant and People*

**Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

*Celebrant*

God our Father, you are most holy and we want to show you that we are grateful. We do now what Jesus told us to do. We remember his death and resurrection, and we offer you the bread that gives us life, and the cup that saves us. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts the body and blood of Jesus your Son. Then we can offer to you what you have given to us. Jesus brings us to you; welcome us as you welcome him.

*Celebrant and People*

**Through him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

And now we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

*Celebrant*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant*

These are the Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Take and eat them, remembering that Jesus gave his life for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, always giving thanks.

*The People may be seated.*

*All are welcome to receive Communion.*

*At the invitation of the ushers,*

*the People come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing.*

*Please indicate when coming forward if you would like a gluten-free wafer.*

*If you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.*

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

St. Andrew's Choir

**Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes** - *Words based on Psalm 121; setting by Normand Gouin*

*Up to the hills I lift my eyes, from where shall come my strength, my help?*

*My hope rests in the Lord, my God, the Maker of the earth and skies.*

*God guides our steps and guards our way. He never slumbers, never sleeps.*

*His love and grace fill all our days, the guard and hope of Israel.*

*No sun shall cause you harm by day, nor moonbeam in the dark of night.*

*The Lord will ever keep you safe till you ascend to heaven's height.*

*The Lord will guard your soul from death; from ev'ry foe he sets you free.*

*The Lord will guide your ev'ry step from now until eternity.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn 635

## If thou but trust in God to guide thee

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the c - vil days, Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 2/4 time signature. It features two vocal parts (1 and 2) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, we thank you for feeding us in some real and mysterious way with the bread and wine from your Table. Send us out from here knowing in our heart of hearts that you love us more than we can imagine. And because we are loved, help us love others, so that all people will know that they are loved by you. Amen.**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

*Celebrant*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People*

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## BLESSING <sup>4</sup>

*Celebrant*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

*People*

**Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

Hymn 637

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let's go out into the world to love God and love our neighbor!

*People* **Thank you, God!**

**MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE**

Jim Hoover, Organ

**Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten** – *setting by J.S. Bach*

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<sup>1</sup> The scripture readings are taken from *God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children* by Lyn Zill Briggs. (New York: Church Publishing, 2015.) pp. 62,63,64.

<sup>2</sup> The Statement of Faith comes from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*. (New York: Church Publishing, 2014.) p.140.

<sup>3</sup> Adapted by the Rev. Gregg Morris from *Eucharistic Prayer for Children 1*, Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland. <http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie/2012/01/eucharistic-prayer-for-children-1-2/>

<sup>4</sup> Blessing from *Enriching Our Worship 1*. (New York: Church Publishing, 1998) p. 71.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RETURN OF LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS FOR ALL!!

Wednesday Nights, thru April 1 - 6:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall

As in the last few years, the suppers will precede the Wednesday night Adult Forum.

This gathering is held to make Wednesday nights *truly special* by sharing a simple meal with your friends and church family. There will be sign-up sheet for each Wednesday. Please indicate the number attending, so we know how many to set a place for. Additional columns to volunteer to **bring soup, bread, or salad, and** to clean-up will also be on the sheet. Any questions please see Diana Rhoads

([bolzdiana6@gmail.com](mailto:bolzdiana6@gmail.com), 630-698-6120). We look forward to seeing everyone!

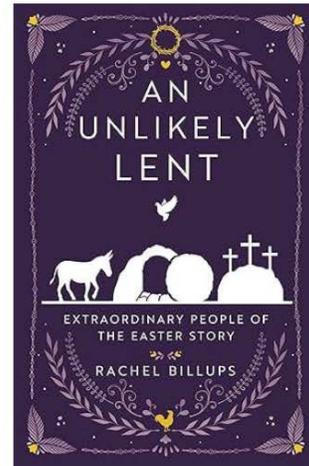


### ADULT FORUM FOR LENT

*An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story*  
**Wednesdays, thru March 25, 7–8PM**

The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the Easter story. But the events leading up to the Resurrection were not witnessed in isolation. We know the stories of Peter, James, and John. But what might we learn by reflecting on the stories of lesser known, sometimes unnamed, men and women in this story? People like Mary of Bethany, the Servant Girl, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, the women at the Cross, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Their stories are the subjects of our Lenten meditations.

We'll be using a book by Rachel Billups, along with a DVD to explore these stories. The cost of the book will be \$20. Direct questions to Jim Hoover ([jimhoover@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:jimhoover@stanfordalumni.org)). The Forum will follow Lenten Simple Suppers, which will run from 6–7PM. Feel welcome to attend either or both.



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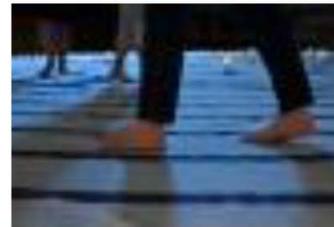


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Gift cards, especially No Fee Visa cards are great for *any gift giving occasion or general purchases like groceries*. Orders will be placed **TODAY, March 1 and again on March 15**. Questions, contact Ellen Webb 630-235-9588.

## **ST. ANDREW'S LABYRINTH**

As we move through Lent, are you seeking a sense of purpose or direction for yourself? Do the scriptural readings leave you asking, "Could I have carried out God's message for others as Jesus did?" Has the focus of humanity's need to turn away from sin toward God's mercy left it's shadow on your conscience? Walking the labyrinth provides a structured, meditative and symbolic path to help sort out your feelings and thoughts. By experiencing a walking meditation, one often finds the thoughts becoming more focused giving the walker the ability to answer the unresolved questions. Please consider visiting the labyrinth on the third floor. Take a walk on the path that many have walked for centuries. Walking the labyrinth during Lent symbolizes the journey many pilgrims took to the Holy Land. The headlines of today's news weighs heavy on many of our hearts. A prayerful walk may be enlightening.



## **ECW SALAD SUPPER**

ECW invites all women to join us for a Salad Supper on March 10, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. This supper will support our ministry to assist Hope's Front Door. They have requested full-size toiletries, feminine products, diapers etc.

Please sign up in the Gathering Space. We request each attendee to bring a salad or bread. It is during Lent so we will not be asking for desserts.

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Anderson, 630-330-1919



**"FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN"**

**Sunday, March 8, 2026 - Outreach/Brotherhood Event** - Signup in the Gathering Space. St. Andrew's invites **families, individuals & friends** to participate in this year's FEED THE NEED "Packing Day" on **Sunday, March 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM** at Lisle Benedictine University.

**WE AIM TO PACK A MILLION MEALS AGAIN!**

Jr. High and up youngsters are welcome along with any friends and family of all ages. \$10 registration donation to help cover costs requested by the week prior to the event. **Please see Kurt Wiesner with any questions**

**TESS LEANDER — SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

I'm grateful to share that I now have a spiritual direction office located upstairs in the church building, and I'm delighted to be more physically present within this community.

Spiritual direction is a relational practice that offers space to notice and listen for God's presence in the midst of everyday life. It is not therapy, advice-giving, or problem-solving. Instead, spiritual direction is a practice of holy listening. People seek spiritual direction during times of transition, deepening faith, spiritual dryness, discernment, changes in belief, grief, or simply a desire to pay closer attention to the sacred in ordinary life.



If spiritual direction is unfamiliar to you, I'm always happy to have a conversation—whether you're curious, wondering if it might be supportive for you, or simply wanting to learn more about what it is. I'm also glad to help parishioners connect with other trusted spiritual directors in the area.

If you know someone who might benefit from spiritual direction, I warmly welcome referrals.

You can learn more or get in touch at: [www.tessleander.com](http://www.tessleander.com) or [hello@tessleander.com](mailto:hello@tessleander.com) or call 630-923-7242

I'm grateful to be part of the life of St. Andrew's in this new way and look forward to the conversations that may unfold.

## **OUTREACH OPEN MEETING ON MARCH 22**

There will be an open meeting to discuss ideas for potential new Outreach programs on Sunday, March 22 at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will focus on ideas that fall into the top three categories of activities ranked by parishioners as being the best fit for St. Andrew's in the Fall Outreach survey:

- (1) Feeding ministries
- (2) Homelessness ministries
- (3) Providing clothing and other material necessities

All are welcome, especially those who indicated in the Fall survey that they would like to be more involved with Outreach. Contact Janine Pickett or Laura Holm for more information.

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### ***Want to make a very hands-on difference, join us at The Sandwich Board!***

Our St. Andrew's Church provides 350 bag lunches the second Thursday of *every* month, for distribution at the Sandwich Board Ministry, Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora. **The St. Andrew's folks** gather in our kitchen here the Wednesday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month to put the ham and cheese sandwiches together. Currently 350 sandwiches are prepared each month and delivered, along with all the makings of a sack lunch, to Trinity Church in Aurora.



This ministry *is a very hands-on* way to help us, you and I, feed the hungry.

#### **How can you help ???**

**Donate food:** Needs for March sack lunches are bread, cheese, lettuce, cookies (pre-packaged), and fruit. Signup sheet in the Gathering Space.

**Donate time:** 1-2 hours a month, a few times a year? Our next volunteer opportunity is **March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00-1:00** for Sandwich Preparation in the St. Andrew's Kitchen. As you see from the picture below, **this is a very fun group.**

**Donate a few dollars** to The Sandwich Board. Donation can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday (please indicate on envelope or check that it is for Sandwich Board). Can also be donated on-line.

For any questions, please see Donna Armstrong, Diana Bolz-Rhoads or Gwen Leyffer.

# 2026 Lenten Schedule

## March 1,

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

## March 4, Wednesday

6:00 PM – Simple Supper  
7:00 PM – Adult Forum Series

## March 6, Friday

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

## March 7, Saturday

9:00 AM – Lenten Mini Retreat

## March 8,

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

## March 11, Wednesday

6:00 PM – Simple Supper  
7:00 PM – Adult Forum Series

## March 13, Friday

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

## March 15,

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

## March 18, Wednesday

6:00 PM – Simple Supper  
7:00 PM – Adult Forum Series

## March 20, Friday

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

## March 22,

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

## March 25, Wednesday

6:00 PM – Simple Supper  
7:00 PM – Adult Forum Series

## March 27, Friday

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross



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### CELEBRANT

Rev. Gregg Morris

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### ORGANIST

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Anna Lenhardt  
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Ellen Webb

### VIDEOGRAPHER/SOUND

Orin Albrecht

### LABYINTH STEWARD

Christine Swanson

### SUNDAY LOCK UP

Laura Holm

### Acolyte

### 8 AM

### 10AM

Reagan Pickett  
Sebastian Pickett

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Joanne Schupbach  
Waring Webb

Jacob Osojnak  
Mark Schmidt

### Old Testament

Vera Martin

Daphne Nelsen

### Psalm

Briony Nelsen

### Prayers of the People

Sonnie Smith

### Greeter

Diana Rhoads-Bolz

### Ushers

Karen Bronson  
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Al Woitovich  
Ellen Webb

### THE CLERGY

The Rev. Gregg A. Morris, Rector  
The Rev. Tara Osborne, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Rose Cicero, Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Lagman, Assisting Priest

### THE STAFF

Dellana Mote, Parish Administrator  
Kathryn R. Nazzarini, Parish Director of Music  
James Hoover, Parish Organist  
Chris Stansbury, Youth Music Director  
Amy Smith, Children's Ministry Assistant  
Sally Hedrick, Chaplain  
Joanne Schupbach, Chaplain  
Diane Sellinger, Chaplain  
Diana Bolz Rhoads, Chaplain  
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### PARISH LEADERS

Bob Sellinger, Sr. Warden  
Janine Pickett, Jr. Warden  
Mike Dunn, Parish Treasurer  
Diane Sellinger, Clerk of the Vestry

### NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

The Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist – Rite II

*In-Person*

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist – Rite II

*In-Person & Facebook Live*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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